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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SINAI SUPPORT MISSION: JOINT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1976

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1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH IDF LIAISON OFFICE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, COL. LEVINSON DREW SFM OFFICER LARSEN ASIDE AND MENTIONED THAT HE DID NOT THINK QUESTION OF FEB. 22 SURVEILLANCE SITE INSPECTION REFTEL WOULD RECEIVE MUCH ATTENTION IN THE COMING JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 1. THE REASON WAS THAT THE EGYPTIANS WERE PROPOSING SERIOUS MODIFICATIONS IN THE LAYOUT OF E-1. HE PRESENTED A MAP ON WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS THE AGREED UPON SITE CONFIGURATION, WHICH SHOWED E-1 LOCATED IN A ROUGH CIRCLE UPON THEIR PRESENT HIGH ELEVATION POINT. HE THEN PRESENTED AN OVERLAY OF A DIFFERENT LAYOUT WHICH HE SAID THE EGYPTIANS NOW WANTED, WHICH DEPICTED A LINEAR CONFIGURATION STRETCHING RIGHT UP TO AND PUTTIN E-1 PHYSICALLY UPON THE GIDDI PASS. LEVINSON SAID THE CHANGE WAS WHOLLY POLITICIAL, AS E-1 WAS PRESENTLY IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. AS SUCH, THE ISRAELIS WOULD RESIST THE NEW LAYOUT.
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2. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD HAVE OTHER PROBLEMS DUE TO ONGOING CONSTRUCTION. THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE TO REQUEST MANPOWER ABOVE THE AGREED UPON 250, SINCE THEY WOULD NOT NEEED AS MANY TECHNICAL PEOPLE UNTIL CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NEED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, WHICH WOULD NEED SPECIAL ISRAELI AGREEMENT.

3. FOLLOWING FEB. 1 MEETING, COL. LEVINSON CONFIRMED THAT QUESTION OF INSPECTION WAS NOT EVEN RAISED, WITH ENTIRE DISCUSSION CONCERNING LAYOUT OF E-1.
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